(a) whether the Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) embarking on an ambitious projects of linking Jammu and Kashmir with the rest of the country by rail;

(b) if so, what are the complete details of the project;

(c) whether Rs. 1200 crores project on Jammu-Udhampur-Baramullah railway project will be financed by Asian Development Bank (ADB) or World Bank; and

(d) if not, the source of funding to the project, and likely time-frame for the completion of this project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) The work of construction of rail line from km. 30 to km. 120 between Katra-Qazigund of Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla project has been entrusted to KRCL.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The funding of Jammu-Udhampur section is being done through budgetary support of the Railways. Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla has been declared as 'National Project and funds are being provided by Ministry of Finance as an additionality to the normal budgetary support for Railways. The project is targeted for completion by 15 August 2007.

Linking of Andheri and Ghatkopar by Railways

3271. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to link Andheri and Ghatkopar suburbs in Mumbai by Railways; and

(b) if so, the details of the feasibility and techno-economic survey?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.